



RECREATIONAL USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSES  
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment Period  
May 21, 2008 – August 31, 2008

**Pond Fork**  
**WBID #2464**

Class C  
Ozark County

Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
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August 28, 2008

UAA Coordinator  
Department of Natural Resources  
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Dear Sir/ma:

This is to inform you with regard to your current stream  
use analysis that I frequently swim in the Pond Fork where  
Ozark County Rd. 210 crosses it where there is usually a  
swimming hole depending on the most recent flood gravel deposits.

Sincerely,

*David Lakish*

David Lakish



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

## Stream Usage Survey

1. Stream Name (Please enter the full name) POND FORK
2. County (Please enter the county or counties where the use occurs) OSARK
3. City or Town (Please enter city or town closest to the area of use) THORNFIELD (LONG RUN)
4. Where do you use the stream? If use occurs in multiple locations, please list them all below. (Please be specific so the location can be identified on a map, e.g., 9th Street Bridge, Anytown City Park, Quarter Section-Township-Range, Latitude/Longitude, etc).

CR 910

5. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for recreation since Nov. 28, 1975?

☒ Yes If Yes, go to Question #6 ☐ No If No, go to Question #11

6. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for any of the following whole body contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

☒ Swimming ☒ Tubing ☐ Snorkling/Skin Diving ☐ Water Skiing

7. How many times per year have you or your family personally used the stream for these activities?

8. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for any of the following secondary contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

☐ Fishing ☒ Wading ☐ Boating ☐ Trapping

9. How many times per year have you or your family personally used the stream for these activities?

10. How many of these times did children wade or play in the stream?

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(10)

11. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for recreation since Nov. 28, 1975?

☒ Yes If Yes, go to Question #12 ☐ No If No, go to Question #17

12. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for any of the following whole body contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

☒ Swimming ☐ Tubing ☐ Snorkling/Skin Diving ☐ Water Skiing

13. How many times per year have you observed or heard of others using the stream for these activities?

14. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for any of the following secondary contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

☐ Fishing ☒ Wading ☐ Boating ☐ Trapping

15. How many times per year have you observed or heard of others using the stream for these activities?

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16. How many of these times did you observe or hear of children wading or playing in the stream?

17. Do you have additional comments you would like to provide the department regarding this stream?

18. In the event the department has questions, please provide the following contact information:

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Address 1: HC 2 BOX 2907 Address 2:  
City: THEODORESIA State: Missouri MO Zip Code: 65761  
Phone Number: (417) 273-4022 ext. E-mail:

Thank you for taking time to complete our stream use survey. We appreciate your interest and involvement in protecting and preserving the quality of Missouri's waters. If you have questions or additional comments, please contact John Hoke, UAA Coordinator, at 1-800-361-4827 or (573) 526-1446, by e-mail at [cleanwater@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:cleanwater@dnr.mo.gov), or by mail at P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176.

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July 18, 2008

UAA Coordinator  
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Dear Sir/Ms,

I have been a resident of Ozark County for over 34 years. I have come to value dearly the quality of our streams here. So it was with considerable distress that I read the article entitled "Ozark County Creek May Be Exempt From Bacteria Standards" in the July 9, 2008 issue of the Ozark County Times.

I have friends who's land in Ozark County is off CR 953 just before the road crosses Little Creek. They go swimming in the creek in the summer as far as 1/2 mile upstream. I swam there last summer, quite a dry summer. From about 1975 to the mid-eighties in the summers, my family occasionally went for a swim in the Little North Fork of the White River at Thornfield, MO just downstream from where Little Creek empties into it. I have seen dozens of people swimming there as that has been one of the main swimming holes around here depending on the gravel deposits in any year. Closer to my home at Longrun my family went swimming/wading/splashing in the Pond Fork

upstream on CR 910. I still often take a dip in the Pond Fork, again depending on the gravel deposits.

If all that weren't enough, I kayak on the Little North Fork downstream from Thornfield near the old Hammond mill site to assorted places on Bull Shoals Lake at all times of the year. And I must say that the requirement for full-body-contact with the water for a stream to be classified "C" is absurd. I think this requirement of the law needs to be changed. It seems to me that if someone dumps ~~untreated~~ or even treated sewage, it would affect all of Bull Shoals Lake. There is already way too much pollution in the lake from cattle pastures, containment lots and faulty septic systems and effluent from Table Rock Lake upstream. With our Karst Topography even our ground water could be affected by this. It is entirely unacceptable to me for anyone to put any foreign matter into any of these bodies of water.

If your organization has anything to do with the way our water protection laws are written, I would like to know. And thanks for alerting us to this potential problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Lakish".

David Lakish